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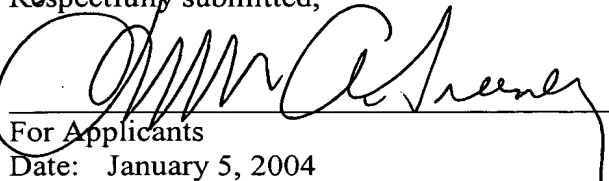
Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated September 4, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 10-19.

The \$330.00 appeal fee is enclosed. Petition for extension is herewith made. The extension fee for response within a period of one month pursuant to Section 1.136(a) in the amount of \$110.00 in accordance with Section 1.17 is enclosed herewith.

The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby given authority to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A. for any fees due or deficiencies of payments made for any purpose during the pendency of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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